

Crop Progress & Condition



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Poor Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 1.5 days suitable for field work. Spring field work is at least a week to 10 days late due to colder temperatures this year. Farm operators have only just begun to plow the fields. Fields continue to be wet from last weekend's rainfall in some counties. Frost remains in the soil in most locations in Centre County. Dairy farmers that are hauling daily are also experiencing problems. Amish farm operators began plowing this week in Mercer County, which is later than usual. Weather conditions from this past winter will most likely have an effect on peaches, apricots, plums, cherries, and apples. Temperatures ranged from the high 20's to the low 60's. Winter Wheat conditions are fairly good. Looking to the week ahead, temperatures in Pennsylvania range from the low 30's to the low 70's towards the end of the week. Field activities for the week include hauling manure, applying fertilizer, plowing, and planting.

PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 6, 2014

(equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0%	0%	55%	45%
Subsoil	0%	0%	68%	32%

Crop Progress (in %):

Due to the more extreme winter weather experienced earlier this year, crop progress has been very minimal to none. Pennsylvania's crop progress should improve next week with the increase in temperatures.

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	6	35	55	4
Pasture	16	9	56	18	1

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STATION	LAST WEEK WEATHER SUMMARY						April 1, 2014 - April 6, 2014					
	TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION			PRECIPITATION			GDD BASE 50F		BASE
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN	TOTAL	DAYS	TOTAL	DFN	DAYS	TOTAL	DFN	TOT
NORTHWEST												
Clarion	73	21	42	+1	1.21	3	1.21	+0.48	3	1	+1	32
Erie	73	25	41	-2	0.45	2	0.45	-0.21	2	4	+4	21
Franklin_AG	74	24	44	+2	1.14	3	1.14	+0.44	3	4	+4	39
Meadville-Port	71	25	43	+3	0.86	2	0.86	+0.20	2	4	+4	39
Springboro	70	24	41	+1	0.78	2	0.78	+0.20	2	2	+2	24
Warren	72	23	41	+0	0.69	2	0.69	-0.03	2	3	+3	26
NORTH_CENTRAL												
Bradford_Region	66	19	39	+0	0.89	3	0.89	+0.17	3	0	+0	20
Coudersport_1SW	64	18	38	-2	0.74	2	0.74	+0.14	2	0	+0	11
Kane	67	22	40	+4	0.75	3	0.73	-0.05	2	0	+0	20
Laporte	58	25	37	-4	0.63	4	0.60	-0.08	3	0	+0	7
Lock_Haven	67	22	43	-1	0.80	2	0.80	+0.14	2	2	+2	34
Oswayo	65	22	38	-2	0.65	3	0.61	+0.01	2	0	+0	8
Renovo	65	25	44	-1	0.77	2	0.77	+0.11	2	2	+2	37
Ridgway	72	20	42	+3	0.94	2	0.94	+0.25	2	1	+1	33
Stevenson_Dam	67	24	41	-1	0.82	3	0.80	+0.10	2	0	+0	22
Towanda	63	25	40	-2	0.32	3	0.32	-0.28	3	0	+0	18
Wellsboro	63	22	38	-1	0.52	2	0.52	+0.04	2	0	+0	11
Williamsport_AP	67	27	45	+1	0.57	2	0.57	-0.09	2	7	+7	41
NORTHEAST												
Hawley	61	25	39	-2	0.76	3	0.37	-0.33	2	0	+0	11
Milanville	64	26	40	-1	0.69	3	0.26	-0.44	2	0	+0	15
Susquehanna	59	25	39	-3	1.25	3	0.42	-0.35	2	0	+0	8
Wilkes-Barre	62	27	43	-2	1.11	3	0.21	-0.39	2	1	+1	32
WEST_CENTRAL												
Butler	74	22	45	+3	0.86	3	0.86	+0.20	3	5	+5	47
New_Castle_Ag	73	25	45	+3	1.30	4	1.30	+0.66	4	5	+5	45
Slippery_Rock	74	21	45	+5	0.95	2	0.95	+0.23	2	6	+6	49
CENTRAL												
Altoona_AP	66	27	46	+2	0.88	5	0.86	+0.23	4	10	+10	51
Du_Bois	72	26	44	+3	0.78	2	0.78	+0.06	2	8	+8	45
Lewistown	66	28	46	+2	1.06	4	0.94	+0.28	3	7	+7	48
Middletown	65	28	47	-1	2.42	4	0.49	-0.16	3	9	+0	54
Prince_Gallitzi	71	20	43	+1	1.08	4	1.08	+0.42	4	4	+4	40
Selinsgrove_2S	67	26	44	-1	0.86	3	0.61	-0.11	2	4	+4	35
State_College_P	62	28	44	+2	1.03	3	1.02	+0.36	2	4	+4	40
EAST_CENTRAL												
Allentown-Bethl	64	26	45	+1	0.79	4	0.44	-0.23	3	4	+4	37
Lehighton	64	29	43	+2	0.80	3	0.37	-0.41	2	2	+2	26
Mt_Pocono	58	27	40	+2	0.67	3	0.26	-0.58	2	0	+0	19
SOUTHWEST												
Pittsburgh_Alle	78	28	50	+8	1.56	4	1.56	+0.96	4	26	+26	76
Chalk_Hill	74	19	43	-2	0.92	5	0.82	-0.14	4	3	+3	39
Connellsville_A	76	25	47	+2	1.76	5	1.61	+0.89	4	13	+13	55
Indiana_3SE	75	23	45	+0	1.28	4	1.24	+0.46	3	4	+4	46
Meyersdale	72	21	43	+2	0.68	4	0.61	-0.16	3	1	+1	37
Pittsburgh_Intl	77	26	49	+3	1.45	4	1.45	+0.85	4	19	+18	68
Waynesburg	76	24	47	+3	1.34	4	1.34	+0.68	4	11	+11	54
SOUTH_CENTRAL												
Biglerville	64	29	46	+3	1.46	4	0.24	-0.48	3	4	+4	48
Everett	66	23	45	+1	0.54	4	0.49	-0.15	3	3	+3	44
Hanover	63	28	47	-2	2.23	4	0.13	-0.56	3	4	-3	48
Harrisburg_AP	65	28	47	-1	2.83	4	0.56	-0.09	3	10	+1	54
South_Mountain	64	28	47	-1	1.29	5	0.45	-0.33	4	7	-1	52
York_AP	65	24	46	-2	3.08	4	0.21	-0.51	3	7	-1	51
SOUTHEAST												
Doylestown_AG	64	29	45	-4	1.13	3	0.20	-0.58	2	3	-6	34
Green_Lane	63	31	45	+0	1.11	4	0.51	-0.21	3	3	+3	39
Hamburg	61	30	44	-2	1.25	4	0.38	-0.30	3	1	+0	32
Lancaster_AP	61	28	46	-1	1.63	4	0.37	-0.29	3	6	+2	47
Neshaminy_Falls	65	26	47	+0	0.40	4	0.37	-0.41	3	4	+0	41
New_Holland	64	28	47	+3	0.28	3	0.28	-0.44	3	5	+4	45
Philadelphia_AP	66	35	49	+1	0.97	3	0.07	-0.65	2	13	+1	65
Philadelphia_NE	68	35	49	+3	1.00	4	0.23	-0.55	3	13	+9	62
Reading_AP	63	30	47	+1	1.09	4	0.60	-0.12	3	9	+5	51
Sellersville	64	25	44	-2	1.63	4	0.53	-0.25	3	3	+2	34
West_Chester	65	26	46	-3	1.05	4	0.17	-0.58	3	5	-1	40

Summary based on NWS data.
DFN = Departure From Normal.
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

ADAMS County, Judy Behney

Adams County continues to be wet from last weekend's three inches of rainfall. Some additional rain was received this week but not much accumulation. Most days were in the high 50's for daytime temperatures. Some sunshine and clouds throughout the week. We need some more sunshine to dry up some of the moisture and make better field conditions. No fieldwork this week as fields still too soft from recent rains. Small grains seeded last fall and hay crops are starting to green up. Some small grains will not be too good because drowned out over winter or didn't have good stand to get started from last fall. Producers are getting anxious to get into their fields again to start the planting process for 2014 crops. Weather conditions from this winter will probably have affect on the peaches, apricots, plums, cherries in the county. Not known yet as to how crops will be as far as yields. Future weather conditions will play a big part with fruit crops here in the next few weeks especially. Adams County producers are looking forward to a good crop season for 2014.

ADAMS County, Lee Showalter

The apple growing season has just started. There is a limited amount of green tissue showing on the buds of earlier blooming varieties. Bud scales have separated on peaches.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN/ County, Thomas Kerr

Spring field work is at least a week to 10 days late due to cool weather. Only a few fields are fit at this time. No winter damage to fruit has been detected at this time.

CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little

Some lime and fertilizer being applied in the fields. The fields are too wet to begin planting any crops.

CAMBRIA/SOMERSET County, David Stolz

Nothing has started to grow yet.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Spring is starting very slow. Frost remains in the soil in most locations. Some manure hauling during the past week.

CLARION/FOREST /VENANGO/WARREN County, Tom Tanner

Temps are cool and wet.

COLUMBIA County, John O Yocum

Wet and cold from melting 6"-8" of snow on Sunday

CRAWFORD County, Ron McCorkle

Continual cold and wet weather has restricted almost all field work. Farmers are hesitant to put equipment into the fields and cause rust. Dairy farmers that are hauling daily are having real problems.

INDIANA County, J Scott Overdorff

Just able to get into the fields last Saturday to start to plow. Did some more on Tuesday this past week. Things are slowly warming up from the cold winter. It has rained enough the past couple of days to put a damper on the plowing. Things are looking up next week to get some more plowing done. Hope everyone has a safe farming week.

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

Very little fieldwork being performed as a result of the temperatures and soil moisture. Winter grain is beginning to green up.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Spotty plowing in the Amish and Mennonite communities occurring as soil conditions permits. Fields of alfalfa and oats seeded.

LANCASTER County, Christopher Burkhardt

A late start to Spring combined with cool wet weather has delayed and hampered farmers field work. Little, if any, alfalfa is planted and forage grass/cover crop growth is well behind growth for this time of year compared to the last two years. In spite of this farmers are getting some Spring tillage done and small grains along with grass pastures are being topdressed with fertilizer.

LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler

Manure hauling has started but many fields must be avoided due to wet areas. Rye has begun to turn green and fill out. Barley has been slower to turn green and in some places looks dead.

MERCER County, Jim Russt

The Amish just started plowing this week in our area which is extremely late for them. Manure was being spread on fields.

POTTER County, Nicole L. Santangelo

Frost seeding completed this week, still too cold for most plants to break dormancy.

POTTER/MCKEAN/CAMERON County, Dave Stratton

Maple syrup harvest is continuing but warm nights have slowed down production.

UNION County, Glenn L. Spangler

Cold spring temperatures have slowed the growth of winter small grains, pasture, and forage crops. It is still too early to determine how much damage was done by the sub zero winter temperatures during the periods of no snow cover to winter small grains.

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